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Re: Public Comment Regarding Law Enforcement Education

INTRODUCTION

I would like to thank everybody at the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for all of their hard work on this project. It has been a pleasure working with the Division and its personnel as we move forward with the application process. I am submitting this brief comment on behalf of patient who contacted my office with concerns regarding the lack of training of law enforcement and other agencies or individuals with regard to Nevada's medical marijuana laws.

COMMENT

It is unquestionable that SB374 has created significant changes to Nevada's medical marijuana laws. Some of the more significant changes ushered in by SB374 include the licensing of commercial marijuana establishments, increases of the amounts that can be legally possessed or cultivated and recognition of out of state medical marijuana patient cards. These changes will have a huge impact on law enforcement and other agencies interactions with patients. While it is hoped that state and local law enforcement agencies will adequately train and update their officers on the changes to Nevada law, recent experiences of patients, such as Vicki Higgins, has revealed that law enforcement officers are not adequately trained on the law.

Therefore, Vicki Higgins and others would like to see language included in the Division's regulations that would require training of law enforcement and other relevant agencies to be offered as part of the standard training programs. Any such training programs would be added to the existing training programs provided by the Division and would include agencies and individuals such as the Nevada Medical Board (hospitals, doctors, paramedics), Marshals, Child Protective Services, Nevada State Judges, Animal Control, Fire Departments, local codes enforcement and any other entity that regularly comes into contact with medical cannabis patients or establishments. Ms. Higgins feels that this would help protect the patients and visitors to Nevada from any potential conflicts with these agencies. If you would like to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact my office at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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